



**UNITED STATES COURT OF  
APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**



**JUDGE WILLIAM P. GREENE, JR.**

Judge Greene was appointed by the President of the United States as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims on November 7, 1997.

Before his nomination and appointment to the Court, Judge Greene was a United States Immigration Judge in the Department of Justice, presiding over immigration cases in Maryland and Pennsylvania. He served in that position from June 13, 1993, until November 22, 1997.

Judge Greene was born in Bluefield, West Virginia. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from West Virginia State College in 1965 and his Juris Doctor degree from Howard University in 1968. Following graduation from law school and admission to the West Virginia Bar, he was appointed a commissioned officer in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. During his career as a Judge Advocate, he completed his military education at the Basic, Advanced, and Military Judges' courses at The Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Virginia; the Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Before becoming an Immigration Judge, Judge Greene held many important positions in the United States Army. He served as the Chief Prosecutor at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and the Chief Defense Counsel in the Army Command in Hawaii. He was the Army's chief recruiter for lawyers from 1974 to 1977. In 1981, he was selected as the Department Chair of the Criminal Law Division at The Judge Advocate General's School. He also served in Germany as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate of the Third Infantry Division and in Korea as the Staff Judge Advocate of the Second Infantry Division. Following his graduation from the U.S. Army War College, he was selected to serve as the Staff Judge Advocate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, followed by another selection as Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Leavenworth,

Kansas. It is from this last position that he was appointed by the Attorney General of the United States to become an Immigration Judge. He retired from the United States Army in 1993 with the rank of Colonel to accept the appointment. During his service he received several awards including three Legions of Merit. On October 7, 1997, the Secretary of the Army designated Judge Greene as Honorary Colonel of the Judge Advocate General's Corps Regiment. In October 2000, Judge Greene was recognized as a Distinguished member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps Regiment.

Judge Greene is married to the former Madeline Sinkford, also of Bluefield, West Virginia. They have two sons: William Robert, a senior account executive for Dun and Bradstreet, and Jeffery, an officer and physician in the United States Army Medical Corps.